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Dear Air Board-

Thank you for reading my correspondence about the Mirant power plant. There are many concerns about the plant's emissions in the air, but Mirant has developed a solution that will improve air quality. The Department of Environmental Quality has already approved the proposed stack merge. All that is lacking for the project to move forward is a permit from the city. I am asking that the Virginia Air Board does not fight the needed permit and allows the Mirant Power Plant to improve the existing stack system. If this process keeps getting dragged out, it will end up costing our city more money than it already has.

I've lived in Alexandria for 18 years and currently have my two grandchildren staying with me. We want the plant to supply our area with electricity without compromising our environment. The stack merge will do just that. The Mirant plant is part of our community and supplies steady jobs to people in the area. Please allow the plant to operate and contribute to our local economy.

Our city's energy needs are going to increase within the next couple of years. The Mirant Plant is a reliable way to meet those needs. Please work with the plant by allowing the stack merge to be approved. By allowing the stack merge, Alexandria will have the electricity it needs now and years down the road.

Thank you,

Martha Nicholson